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H.R. No. 878

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The iconic Longview restaurant Bel's Diner
2 celebrated its 25th anniversary on February 28, 2017; and

3 WHEREAS, The restaurant's founder, Harvel "Bel" Davis,
4 learned home-style cooking at a young age and continued his
5 culinary education during high school by working at a truck stop on
6 Interstate 20; he opened Bel's Diner in 1992, offering a variety of
7 southern and soul food favorites, including smothered chicken,
8 fried catfish, liver and onions, and grilled pork steak; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Davis initially received help from his parents,
10 the late Roger and Mary Lee Davis, and from his uncle and silent
11 partner, the late John Thomas; after five years, his brother, Tommy
12 Davis, joined him at the restaurant, and the siblings have
13 continued to cook and serve scratch-made meals five days a week;
14 over the years, the diner has developed a loyal base of customers
15 who come back for both the food and the fellowship; and

16 WHEREAS, Locally owned and operated businesses play an
17 important role in furthering the economic well-being of towns
18 throughout Texas, and all those associated with Bel's Diner may
19 take great pride in the contributions that the restaurant has made
20 to the Longview community over the past quarter century; now,
21 therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
23 Legislature hereby commemorate the 25th anniversary of Bel's Diner
24 and extend to Harvel Davis, Tommy Davis, and the restaurant's

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1 employees sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it
2 further

3 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
4 prepared for Bel's Diner as an expression of high regard by the
5 Texas House of Representatives.